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THE LEXINGTON OPERA HOUSE OPENED A HANDSOME BUILDING FOR CONCERTS, BALLS

AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENTS. The Lexington Opera House, otherwise known as

Terrace Garden, was opened to the public yesterday. There were a festival of music in the afternoon and a ball in the evening. A little more than a year ago a small army of

workmen and skilled artisans began the work of transforming the old Terrace Garden into a handsome building, which is now open for balls, concerts and other entertainments. It fromts in Fifty-eighth-st., from No. 145 to No. 155. It is built in the style of the Italian Renaissance and rises to the height of five stories, richly ornamented. The main entrance leads into a wide lobby, flanked on both sides by granite pillars. From the foyer on the second floor the prin-cipal floor is reached through a wide central en-trance. The women's waiting-room is on the left. From the men's waiting-room on the right is the entrance to a large and finely furnished committee room. The ball-room has a maplewood floor, a stage, thousands of incandescent electric lights, wide galleries, comfortable boxes and everything to make it comfortable and even luxurious.

The dining-room at the west side of the main hall is reached by a stairway. It is connected with the restaurant of Terrace Garden. Near this, to the right, is the "Bier Stube," which is a reproduction of an old-style German "Kneipe." Witty sayings have been transferred to the walls of this room by the painter. On the shelves and brackets of the "Mer Stube" are unique images in terra cotta, glass and stone, old German figures and Teutonic drinking

In addition to the rooms already described, there are some beautifully furnished Masonic lodge rooms and a few meeting rooms on the upper floors. the third floor are the Lexington Assembly Rooms. The building is under the management of

#### DANGER OF BEATING CARPETS IN THE CITY.

The Mayor and the presidents of the Police and Health Boards have recently called the attention of the citizens of New-York to the provisions of Section 1,936 of the New-York Consolidation Act and Section 95 of the Sanitary Code.

The City Improvement Society considers it also

vitally necessary, in view of the pending danger from cholera, that citizens should be informed that the pernicions habit, which has became so general, of beating carpets, rugs, clothing, etc., in the open spaces called "yards," in the rear of their premises, is in direct violation of Section 98 of the Sanitary Code, which provides that the above shall not be done "in any place where particles may be set in motion and pass into any occupied premises."

#### THE SUMMER AT THE BIG GARDEN.

Beginning on Monday, May 29, the Madison Square Garden Amphitheatre will be open for the summer season as a variety hall, opera house and garden combined. There will be light operas, vandeville, ballet and minstrels by four companies, numbering over 300 people. The admission to all these performances will be 50 cents. There will be wide promenades interspersed with foliage, and the sliding roof will be open when the weather permits.

#### THE GERMAN BANDS TO RETURN.

The concerts given by the German military bands at the Madison Square Garden last week were re-markably well attended, the house being crowded at all the evening performances. The bands are to play here again on their return from Chicago, beginning an engagement of two weeks on Thanksgiving Day. James W. Morrissey, business manager of the Madison Square Garden, and Mr. Villard's representative, deserves credit for the manner in which these bands were brought before the public. The classification of the music and the arrangement of the programme was sent to Berlin by Mr. Morrissey before the departure of the musicians for this country, and approved as being suited to the American taste, both by the musical directors and the Messrs. Wolffe, the European managers.

#### TEACHERS OBJECT TO EXTRA WORK FOR A FAIR.

The Press Club Fair, which has been advertised to place in May, has entailed an extra amount of work on the several thousand school teachers of this city, for which they receive no compensation, and consequently they are compalining of it. They say that they do not understand why they should be compelled to help a partial of the compelled to help a partial to the compelled to compelled to help a part of the newspaper men of the city build a clubhouse, and frequent suggestions are made that if they are doing this work for the fair it would only be proper for them to share in the proceeds of it. Some of the teachers denounce this method of turning one of the biggest and most important branches of the city government into a money making machine for the benefit of the Press Club in strong terms. The teachers lay special emphasis on the impropriety of compelling thousands of public school children to work for the benefit of the fair. They admit that an exhibition of the the fair. They admit that an exhibition of the work done by school children in the public schools of this city would be a great benefit, not only to the public, but also to the children, the schools and the teachers. They realize that a collection of the work done in the different schools in one comprehensive exhibition would be a desirable thing. But they object to having this done for the exclusive benefit of a few newspaper men. No complaint was made when it was proposed to make an exhibit of the work done by the school children of New-York City in the World's Fair at Chicago. The work was done cheerfully and a fine showing will be work was done cheerfully and a fine showing will be made. But when it was proposed to make the chil-dren duplicate their work and have the teachers per-

men's fair, the opposition became outspoken, not only from the teachers, but from the parents of the

yesterday that he did not doubt that there had been some complaint from the teachers, but he did not fear any serious difficulty. It is said that the New-York school exhibit for the Press Club Fair will be far more elaborate than that sent to Chicago.

FEWER CASES OF SICKNESS IN THE CITY.

THE MORTALITY DECREASES, BUT THE CON-TAGIOUS DISEASES SPREAD.

The number of deaths reported at the Bureau of Vital Statistics last week was nearly 100 less than in the previous week, or 962, as compared with 1,656. Physicians of the Health Department said yesterday that the decrease in the mortality was due chiefly to an abatement of influenza in the city. The reported deaths from influenza last week numbered twenty, or seven more than in the previous week, but the physicians said that there was less sickness In the city, and it was noticed that there was a marked decrease in the number of deaths attributed to pneumonia. There were 182 reported deaths from pneumonia last week, and 267 in the previou week. Such a decrease was said to be explained only on the ground that influenza was disappearing. It was said that the exposure to wet and cold suffered by many thousands of persons at the time of the naval review might cause an increase of mortality this week The record of deaths for the two weeks is appended:

02/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/00/0	Weeks	ending
Causes of death, etc.	April 24.	April 22.
Induenza	20	13
Pneumonia	182	207
Bronchitis	39	6.4
Consumption	123	133
Croup	17	13
Whooping-cough	16	8
Malarial fever	- 4	3
Meningitis		16
Contagious diseases	5074	97
Diarrhocal diseases		10
Heart disease		89
Kidney disease		23
		200
Violence		200
All other causes	3.7	362.6
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Totals	1000	1.056
Deaths under five years	3+1	200
Douths, sixty-five years and over	597	127
Deaths in institutions	240	220
Deaths in tenements	607	638
	2	92

and were more fatal than in the previous week. The increase was noticeable particularly in scarlet fever. Following is the record of such diseases in the city during two weeks:

	April 20.		April 22.	
Cases	. Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	
Typhus fever 12	8	14	4	
Typhoid fever	-7	20	10	
Scarlet fever	23	127	4.0	
Measles 138	9h	67	30	
The Particular Contract Contra	8	- 6	3	
Smallpox	***	-	•	
Total462	89	450	77	
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#### EXAMINED ON THE CHARGE OF ARSON.

Fire Marshal Mitchell was present at the Tombs Police Court yesterday to press the charge of arson which he preferred against Jacob J. Kaiser, a manu facturer of over-galters, at No. 438 Broadway. fire broke out in the building on April 22. Justice Ryan held the examination in the reporters' room.

he has been since Monday in default of ball. the told of the discovery of the fire. He said that he had not seen the defendant until after the engines had arrived. Charles Napier, of No. 44 (20) Brooklyn, was the next witness. He said that h occupied the floor on which the fire was discovered. He had used no inflammable liquid. He had asked Kaiser to lock up the place. Kaiser had answered that he would do so. The witness had not seen the two empty cases of turpentine found in the store rooms. He had had an insurance policy for \$1,000 on his stock. Fire Chief McGill then took the stand. He described the condition of the rooms, and told of the presence of the benzine and turpentine. He had examined the place thoroughly. The hearing was adjourned until May 5.

#### NATIONAL CORDAGE STOCK INCREASED.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the National Cordage Company yesterday it was resolved to increase the preferred stock of the company \$2,500,-000. The treasurer of the company said that in ital sufficient to meet the demands of its increased business, the company proposes to make this increase of its preferred stock, which will be offered to the stockholders at par for cash. The business of the company is such that a large proportion of its product has to be carried for nine months in the year, as it is only marketed during the summer, and the business of the company has further increased to such a large of the company has interest in the contemplated that its original working capital and its surplus have become inadequate to carry these large stocks of both raw and manufactured goods which are necessary and profitable for it to carry.

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JOSEPH AIKIN.

Joseph Aikin, eighty three years old, the father of James C. and Henry S. Aikin, of the well-known firm of Aikin, Lambert & Co., No. 19 Maiden Lane, this city, died at his home in Poughkeep in yesterday from old age, after an illness of about five week-The funeral will be held at his home to morrow at 2:30 p. m. The burial will be in the Rural Cemetery,

Mr. Aikin passed the earlier years of his life in Rochester, from which city he moved to Hughson-ville, near New Hamburg, about 1807. He had been living at Poughkeepsle with his two unmarried laughters since the death of his wife a tew years ago. He had been in no active business for many years, but was much interested in the cultivation of choice fruits and flowers. Mr. Aikin was a man of quiet domestic tastes and was an active member of the Collegiate Reformed Church.

#### OBITUARY NOTES.

New-Redford, Mass., April 29 (Special).—Mrs. Sorah P. Clifford, widow of John A. Clifford, at one time Gov-ernor of Massachusetts, died at her home in this city The prisoner was brought up form the prison, where Walter Clifford, and was extensively known, especially

#### THE REV. DR. THEODORE A. EATON.

The Rev. Dr. Theodore A. Eaton, rector emeritus at his home, No. 130 West Thirteenth st., yesterday Dr. Eaton was born in Boston on August 3. 1821. He was the son of the Rev. Dr. Asa Eaton, for many years rector of Christ Church in that city. He was educated in Boston and received his theological training at the General Theological Seminary in this city, from which he was graduated in 1848. He was ordained deacon at Grace Church by Bishop Delancey in the same year, and in 1840 he was made a priest by hishop Doane, at Newark. In 1850 he accepted a call to the rectorship of St. 1850 he accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Clement's Church in this city, which place he held emeritus. His wife survives him. The funeral will be held on Tuesday at the Church of the Annunciation in West Fourteenth-st. Bishop Potter will conduct

#### ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE.

Washington, April 20.-The general court-martial pointed to meet at David's Island, New York, in December last has been dissolved and a general court-martial has been appointed to meet there on May 1. The detail of the court is as follows: Captains Theodore F. Forbes, 5th Infantry, and J. Rosier Clagett, 23d Infantry; First Lieutenants Elias Chandle, 16th Infantry; William B. Reynolds, 14th Infantry; George H. Patten, 22d Infantry, and Frederick V. Krug, 20th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Charles P. Russ, 11th Infantry, and First Lieutenant Wallis O. Clark, 12th Infantry, judge advocate. Batteries E, K and I, 34 Artiflery, headquarters and band, 231 men, including enlisted men, officers and their families, from Was ington barmeles Washington, and Batteries D and I, 3d Artillery, in-

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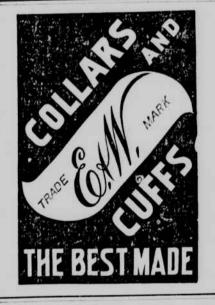
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to-day stating that the New-York had been at the League Island Yard, and was ready for the inspection board. The board will consist of Rear Admiral Belknap, Commander Cooper, (Lleutenant Reamey, Naval Constructor Feaster, and Chief Engl-President Hyde, of the Bath Iron Works, was at

the Navy Department to-day arranging for the transfer of the ganboat Machine to the Government. He said she was ready for the official trial, and that Washington, and Batterles D and I, 3d Artillery, in-cluding 181 enlisted men, officers and their families, from Fort McHenry, Md., will be transferred May 1 to Fort McHenry, barracks, Atlanta, Ga., to take the

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